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Applicant(s): Smits et al.) Art Unit:
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPARTING CURVES IN IMPLANTABLE
ELONGATED MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant further requests that a copy of the Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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